



CLAIMS

What I claim as new is as follows:

1. A bottom fish rig comprising of a combination including but not limited to an elongated leader with two ends, a means of attaching to a fishing line, a movement stop, a c-weight, a swivel, and a means of attaching to a horizontal unilateral 3-prong hook.
2. The bottom fish rig of claim 1 wherein:
 - : an elongated leader having two opposite ends, a leader hook end and a leader line end, said hook end having a leader hook loop secured by a leader hook loop lug therein, said line end having a leader line loop leader secured by a leader line loop lug therein;
 - a first movement stop frictionally connected to said leader adjacent said line end, said first movement stop is comprised of a crimped split shot, said first movement stop abuts the leader line loop lug;
 - a second movement stop frictionally connected to said leader, said second movement stop located between said first movement stop and said leader hook end, said second movement stop is comprised of a crimped split shot, said second movement stop is located approximately one-third of the way from said leader hook end, and approximately two-thirds of the distance from the line leader loop;

a c-weight that could be removed and reinserted without cutting said leader, said c-weight having a substantially c-shape that could slide along the leader for two-thirds of the [said] leader, said c-weight having a first end, said first end having a first bore therethrough, said c-weight having a second end, said second end having a second bore therethrough, said c-weight having a gap from a first slot to said first bore on one side[], on the [second] other side said c-weight having a gap from a second slot to said second bore, said c-weight having a central semi-cylinder longitudinal groove across a bottom c-weight hull therein for the option of allowing the c-weight to be fixedly connected to said leader;

a swivel connected to said leader hook loop;

a snap connected to said swivel; and

a horizontal unilateral three-prong hook connected to said snap, swivel, and leader, said horizontal unilateral three-prong hook has a bent eye and shank in the same plane as a vertical center hook barb and a symmetrical pair of outer hook barbs which are disposed within [a] an upper 180 degree section, this placement of the barbs causes the hook to lay horizontally and allows said hook to slide upon [the] a lake bottom without being caught on debris and to flip upright when the leader is being reeled.

2. The bottom fish rig of claim 1 wherein:

said c-weight having a first end with a first slot connected to said

first bore on one side ;

said c-weight having a second end with a second slot connected to
said second bore on the opposite side;

said c-weight having a central longitudinal groove connecting said
first bore, said c-weight hull and said second bore; and

said c-weight having a central longitudinal groove therein for
allowing the c-weight to be fixedly connected to said leader.

3. The bottom fish rig of claim 1 wherein:

said c-weight having a first end with a first slot connected to said
first bore on one side ;

said c-weight having a second end with a second slot connected to
said second bore on the opposite side;

said c-weight having central bores in said first end and said second
end to allow the leader to slide freely; and

[said c-weight having a first end with an inclined first slot and on
the opposite side said second end with an inclined second slot to hinder
the leader from working its way out of the c-weight.]

Wherein the first end has an inclined first slot and the second end
has an inclined second slot to hinder the c-weight from being removed
from the leader.

4. The bottom fish rig of claim 1 further comprising:

said c-weight having central bores in said first end and said second end to allow the leader to slide freely therethrough; and

said c-weight having central bores in said first end and said second end without any slots, [gasp] gaps and spaces on the sides of the bores.

[5. The bottom fish rig of claim 1 wherein:

said first movement stop is comprised of crimped split shot; and

said second movement stop is comprised of crimped split shot.]

[6. The bottom fish rig of claim 1 further comprising:

a swivel connected to said leader hook loop.]

[7. The bottom fish rig of claim 1 further comprising:

a snap connected to said swivel.]

8. The horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook of the bottom fish rig is comprised of [claim 1 wherein]:

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has three welded horizontal barbs which are disposed within a 180 degree section;

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has a symmetrical pair of outer hook barbs that are upright but under a 45 degree angle;

said horizontal unilateral three-prong hook has a vertically bent eye and shank in the same plane as a vertical center hook barb; and

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has large and wide hooks but with a smaller distance from said shank to said eye.

9. The horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook of the bottom fish rig of claim 8 wherein:

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has a center hook barb that stands erect in the same plane as the shank and eye which are bent upward from the horizontal position;

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has three equidistant barbs, a center hook barb and a pair of symmetrical outer hook barbs which are oriented within a horizontal 180 degree section; and

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has one outer hook barb at 30-degrees, the other outer barb will be at 150-degrees.

10. The horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook of the bottom fish rig of claim 8 wherein:

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has a center hook barb that stands erect in the same plane as the shank and eye which are bent upward from the horizontal position;

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has a shorter center hook barb and a pair of symmetrical longer outer hook barbs which are located within the 180-degree section;

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has one outer hook

barb at 20-degrees, the other outer hook barb will be at 160-degrees.

11. The horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook of the bottom fish rig of claim 8 wherein:

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has a center hook barb that stands erect in the same plane as the shank and eye which are bent upward from the horizontal position;

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has a longer vertical center hook barb and a pair of shorter symmetrical outer hook barbs which are located within the horizontal 180-degree section;

said horizontal unilateral three-pronged hook has one outer hook barb at 45-degrees, the other outer hook barb will be at 135-degrees.

12. The [method] leader of the bottom fish rig of claim 1 [comprising] wherein:

(a) a long leader that is approximately 1-½ meters long;

(b) a short leader that is approximately 1/4 meter long;

(c) a preferred embodiment with a leader that is approximately 1/3 meter long;

(d) a long leader that is constructed from wire or monofilament fishing line; and

(e) a short leader that is constructed from monofilament fishing line or wire.

13. A bottom fish rig [comprising] of claim 1 whereas:

an elongated leader having two opposite ends, a leader hook end and a leader line end, said hook end having a leader hook loop secured by a leader hook loop lug therein, said line end having a leader line loop leader secured by a leader line loop lug therein,

a first movement stop frictionally connected to said leader adjacent said line end, said first movement stop is comprised of a crimped split shot, said first movement stop abuts a leader line loop lug,

a second movement stop frictionally connected to said leader, said second movement stop located between said first movement stop and said leader hook end, said second movement stop is comprised of a crimped split shot, said second movement stop is located approximately one-third of the way from said leader hook end, and approximately two-thirds of the distance from the line leader loop;

a c-weight that could be removed and reinserted without cutting said leader, said c-weight having a substantially c-shape that could slide along the leader for two-thirds of the [said] leader, said c-weight having a first end, said first end having a first bore therethrough, said c-weight having a second end, said second end having a second bore therethrough, said c-weight having a gap from a first slot to said first bore on one side, on the opposite side said c-weight having a gap from a second slot to said second bore, beneath the second bore is a hull hole and a hull hole plug,

and said c-weight having a central semi-cylinder longitudinal groove across a bottom of a hollow c-weight hull therein for the option of allowing the c-weight to be fixedly connected to said leader;

[a] the hull hole plug stops material from entering and leaving [a] the hollow c-weight hull;

a swivel connected to said leader hook loop;

a snap connected to said swivel; and

a horizontal unilateral three-prong hook connected to said snap, swivel, and leader, said horizontal unilateral three-prong hook has a bent eye and shank in the same plane as a vertical center hook barb and a symmetrical pair of outer hook barbs which are disposed within a 180 degree section, this placement of the barbs causes the hook to lay horizontally and allows said hook to slide upon [the] a lake bottom without being caught on debris and to flip upright when the leader is being reeled.

14. A bottom fish rig of claim 1 [13 comprising] wherein:

[an elongated leader having two opposite ends, a leader hook end and a leader line end, said hook end having a] the leader hook is loop formed by a knot therein, [said line end having a] and the leader line loop [leader] is formed by a knot therein.

15. The c-weight of the bottom fish rig of claim 13 wherein:

said c-weight having said hollow c-weight hull that could be removed and reinserted without cutting said leader;

said hollow c-weight hull having a c-weight hull plug;

said hollow c-weight hull having an adjacent first end with a first slot connected to said first bore on one side;

said hollow c-weight hull having an adjacent second end with a second slot connected to said second bore on the opposite side;

said hollow c-weight hull having a central longitudinal groove connecting said first bore, said c-weight hull and said second bore; and

said hollow c-weight hull having an external central longitudinal groove therein for allowing the c-weight to be fixedly connected to said leader.

16. The c-weight of the bottom fish rig of claim 13 wherein:

said c-weight having said hollow c-weight hull that could be removed and reinserted without cutting said leader;

said hollow c-weight hull having a c-weight hull plug;

said hollow c-weight hull having an adjacent first end with a first slot connected to said first bore on one side ;

said hollow c-weight hull having an adjacent second end with a second slot connected to said second bore on the opposite side;

said hollow c-weight hull having adjacent central bores in said first

end and said second end to allow the leader to slide freely; and

said hollow c-weight hull having an adjacent first end with an inclined first slot and on the opposite side said second end with an inclined second slot to hinder the leader from working its way out of the c-weight.

17. The c-weight of the bottom fish rig of claim 13 further comprising:

said hollow c-weight hull having a c-weight hull plug;

said hollow c-weight hull having adjacent central bores in said first end and said second end to allow the leader to slide freely within; and

said hollow c-weight hull having adjacent central bores in said first end and said second end without any slots, gaps and spaces on the sides of the bores.

18. In combination, the c-weight of the bottom fish rig of claim 13 further comprising:

said removable sliding c-weight with a hollow c-weight hull having a c-weight hull hole and having a c-weight hull hole plug that stops material from entering and leaving a hollow c-weight hull;

said removable sliding c-weight with a hollow c-weight hull having a c-weight hull hole in which small objects and different substances could be inserted into the c-weight hull hole such as sand, clay, pebbles, stones, glass, ceramics, brick, silicone, plastic, cement, epoxy,

glue and including from the group consisting of pieces of metal, lead pellets and lead substitutes such as different alloys of iron, steel, aluminum, tin, brass, bronze, zinc, nickel, bismuth, and recyclable by products, and the like; and

said removable sliding c-weight with a hollow c-weight hull having a c-weight hull hole in which dense material with specific gravity heavier than water is inserted with different fluids including water with dissolved products, pheromones, scents, flavors, blood, egg, grounded fish parts, poultry, beef liver, insect parts, fish attractants, fruit, sugar, jelly, cheese, bread, food products, and the like; and

said removable sliding c-weight having a hollow c-weight hull in which small holes could be drilled into the c-weight hull by the fisherman to attract fish with the contents.

19. In combination, the c-weight of the bottom fish rig of claim 13 further comprising:

said removable sliding c-weight affiliated with a hollow c-weight hull having a c-weight hull hole and having a c-weight hull hole plug that stops material from entering and leaving a hollow c-weight hull;

said removable sliding c-weight having a hollow c-weight hull made of various volumes and of many substances including lead, lead with a skin from electroplating, spraying, dipping, lead with a coating of zinc orthophosphate, paint, latex, vinyl, nylon, wax, gum, rubber, rubber

composite, fiberglass polymer, harden tar, with or without a sealer,
polymer based composite material, and also a mixture thereof;

said removable sliding c-weight having a hollow c-weight hull
made of various volumes and of many non-lead substances including
different alloys of iron, steel, zinc, aluminum, tin, brass, bronze,
ferrotungsten, and combinations thereof, and recyclable mixtures, plastic,
synthetic containers, compressed wood, waxed products, epoxy, glue,
rubber, frozen fluids, and the like; and

said removable sliding c-weight having a hollow c-weight hull
in which small holes could be drilled into the c-weight hull by the
fisherman to attract fish with the contents.